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Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Cynthia “Cindy” Lee Chafian
The Eighty Percent Coalition



Dear Ms. Chafian:

Pursuant to the authorities set forth in House Resolution 503 and the rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (“Select Committee”) hereby transmits a subpoena that compels you to produce the documents set forth in the accompanying Schedules A and B by October 13, 2021, and to appear for a deposition on October 28, 2021.

The Select Committee is investigating the facts, circumstances, and causes of the January 6th attack and issues relating to the peaceful transfer of power, in order to identify and evaluate lessons learned and to recommend to the House and its relevant committees corrective laws, policies, procedures rules, or regulations. The inquiry includes examination of how various individuals and entities coordinated their activities leading up to the events of January 6, 2021.

The investigation has revealed credible evidence of your involvement in events within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry. According to documents provided to the Select Committee, press reports, and statements by you and Women for America First (“WFAF”), you assisted in organizing the rally held on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021, in support of then-President Trump and his allegations of election fraud. President Trump spoke at that rally shortly before the attack on the Capitol, urging the crowd to “fight much harder” and to “stop the steal.”¹ On the same day that you submitted the original permit application for the January 6th rally on behalf of WFAF, President Trump tweeted, “Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be

¹ Documents on file with the Select Committee; Joseph Tanfani, Michael Berens & Ned Parker, *How Trump’s pied pipers rallied a faithful mob to the Capitol* (Reuters, Jan. 11, 2021), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-protest-organizers-insight/how-trumps-pied-pipers-rallied-a-faithful-mob-to-the-capitol-idUSKBN29G2UP>; Women for America First homepage, *March for Trump*, <https://wfaf.org/> (describing post-election rallies organized by Women for America First in support of President Trump); Women for America First, *Women for America First Statement on the Sham January 6th Commission* (July 21, 2021), <https://wfaf.org/news/sham-commission/> (quoting Amy Kremer: “As head of the organization who sponsored the President’s speech at the Ellipse, I would be happy to testify about the events leading up to and during that day, something I have never been asked to do by the Democrats in Congress”).

there, will be wild!”² According to press reports, you, and others working with you and WFAF to organize the January 6th rally, collectively communicated with President Trump, White House officials including Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, and others about the rally and other events planned to coincide with the certification of the 2020 Electoral College results.³ One of these events was a rally on January 5, 2021, held at Freedom Plaza, which you organized and sponsored through your organization, The Eighty Percent Coalition.⁴ Accordingly, the Select Committee seeks both documents and your deposition testimony regarding these and other matters that are within the scope of the Select Committee’s inquiry.

A copy of the rules governing Select Committee depositions, and document production definitions and instructions are attached. Please contact staff for the Select Committee at 202-225-7800 to arrange for the production of documents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bennie G. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bennie" and last name "Thompson" clearly legible.

Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman

² Documents on file with the Select Committee; Dan Barry & Sheera Frenkel, “*Be There. Will be Wild!*”: Trump All but Circled the Date, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 6, 2021), <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/06/us/politics/capitol-mob-trump-supporters.html>; Kremer, Kylie Jane [@KylieJaneKremer]. “The calvary is coming, Mr. President! JANUARY 6th | Washington DC <http://TrumpMarch.com> [U.S. flag emojis] #MarchForTrump #StopTheSteal.” Twitter, December 19, 2020 (attaching advertisement for January 6 rally quoting Trump, Donald J. [@realDonaldTrump]. “Peter Navarro releases 36-page report alleging election fraud ‘more than sufficient’ to swing victory for Trump [link omitted]. A great report by Peter. Statistically impossible to have lost the 2020 Election. Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!” Twitter, December 19, 2020), <https://twitter.com/KylieJaneKremer/status/1340399063875895296>.

³ Joshua Kaplan & Joaquin Sapien, *New Details Suggest Senior Trump Aides Knew Jan. 6 Rally Could Get Chaotic*, PROPUBLICA (June 25, 2021), <https://www.propublica.org/article/new-details-suggest-senior-trump-aides-knew-jan-6-rally-could-get-chaotic>.

⁴ *Id.*; documents on file with the Select Committee.